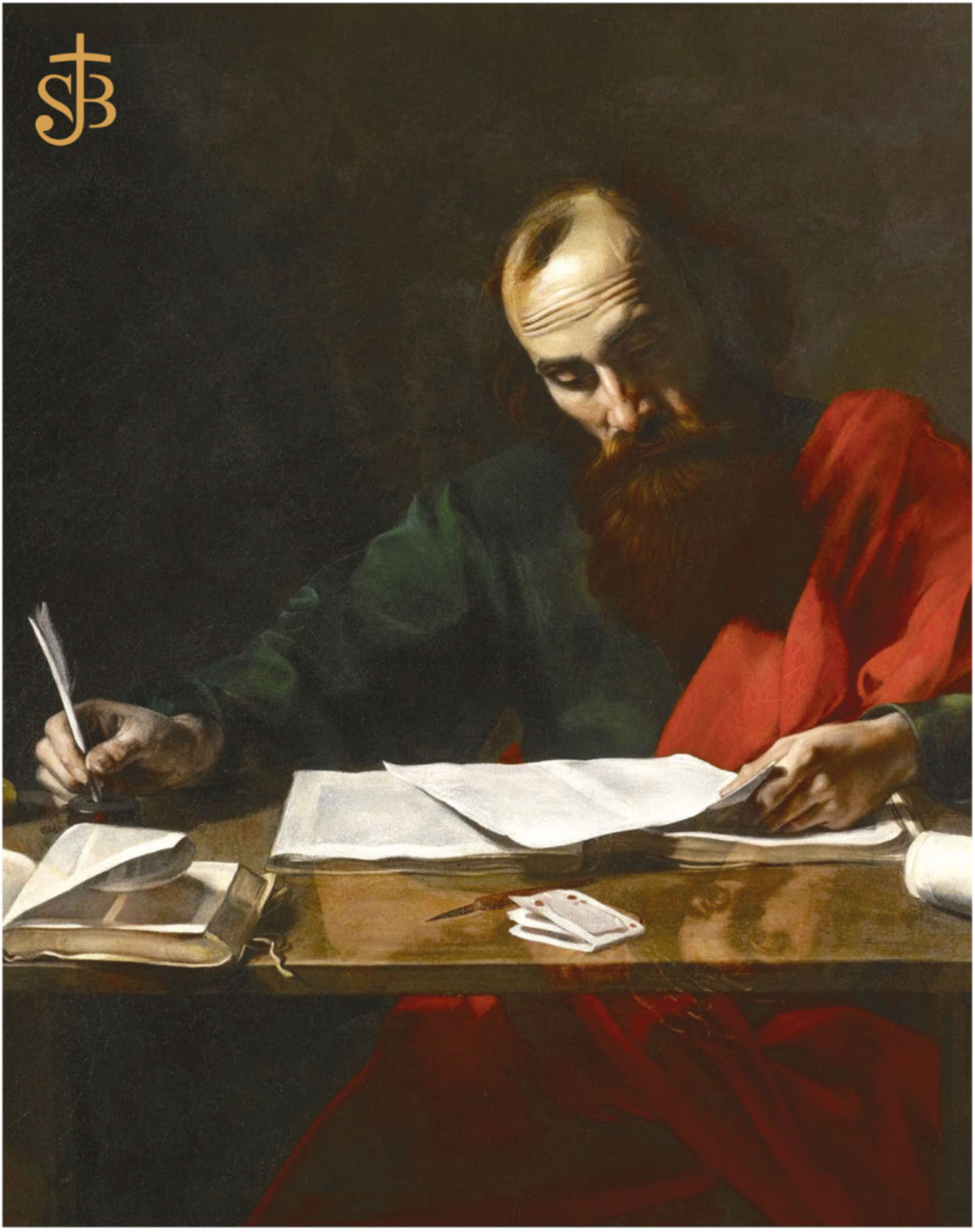

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FROM OUR PASTORS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Sunday to you all! One of the defining characteristics of a disciple of Jesus is the perspective from which we view reality and relationships. When we receive the gift of wisdom, bestowed upon us through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our worldview is transformed.

In his letter to Philemon, Paul invites him to change his worldview, particularly regarding his relationship with his slave Onesimus. While the Catholic Church's understanding and treatment of slavery throughout the centuries is a vast and complex subject—far too expansive to address fully here—the central focus of this reflection is Paul's appeal for Philemon to recognize the spiritual truth that Onesimus, through faith and likely Baptism, has become a new man. Though Philemon almost certainly holds a legitimate legal claim according to the norms of the time, Paul encourages him to welcome Onesimus not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ. This call requires a rejection of worldly wisdom and conventional ideas of justice in favor of mercy—a mercy modeled by the love of Christ. Paul calls Philemon to discern his response through the lens of the gift of wisdom, which orients a person's life toward God's will—in this instance, to receive his brother in Christ with love and mercy.

Though Paul's encouragement and urging are centered around this particular case, it communicates to us a lesson which we can apply to our own lives. We should see every baptized Christian as our brother or sister in the Lord and we ought to also see each unbaptized person as a potential brother or sister through the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. Staying close to Jesus, ordering our lives according God's will, and focusing on the spiritual goods which truly matter, we can extend a mercy and forgiveness to our brothers and sisters which flies in the face of the world's concept of justice and invites all people into the Christian family through the proclamation of the Gospel. Seeing our relationships with others in this way is an integral part of the Christian worldview and is essential to living our call as missionary disciples.

Peace,

Fr. Jack

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY FORMATION

NOW OPEN!

Family Formation is for all families—whether your kids are infants, high schoolers, or in between. We meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday, after the 11am Mass, during the school year, to grow as disciples in community, together as a family. Each afternoon includes:

- Brunch
- Family Praise & Worship
- Age-Specific Catechesis for kids and teens, Adult Formation through talks and small group discussion
- Monthly at-home materials to support parents as the primary catechists of their children

Family Formation is an essential part of preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. All families are encouraged to participate—including those whose children attend Catholic school or homeschool.

SCAN THE QR CODE
OR REGISTER AT
YPSICATHOLIC.ORG/FAMILY-FORMATION

First Communion

Our Family Formation program at SJB is an essential part of preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation. Preparation is a one-year process that typically occurs in 2nd grade.

Participation in Family Formation *is required* for children who are not receiving preparation through a local Catholic school or homeschool.

If you have a child in Catholic school or home school who intends to receive these sacraments this year, contact us before the school year begins.

Confirmation

Preparing for Confirmation at SJB is a two-year program, typically for 7th and 8th grade students. The program runs from September until May. ***The requirements for confirmation include:***

- Student and parent attendance at Family Formation which takes place twice a month, after the 11AM Mass, 12:15-2:30 PM.
- Student attendance at all Wildfire Youth Group Nights which take place every other Sunday, from 7-8:30 PM here at SJB.

SJ Beat

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COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

NEXT WEEKEND

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, September 13th,
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

NEW FALL SESSIONS!
OUR "WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES"
SERIES CONTINUES...

SEPT 8TH- Welcome, Intro, & Tour of Church

SEPT 15TH- Why Do I Need the Church?
The Mystery of the Catholic Church

MONDAYS, 6:30 PM, DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

WORSHIP NIGHT
FRIDAY, September 19th
6:30pm
downstairs in the PLC

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, September 27th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, October 1st
7pm
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Did you know that Campus Ministry has a mission statement and seven pillars? Of course, you did!

You might be wondering "Why?". What is the point of a mission statement for Campus Ministry? That is exactly it, it is all in the "Why".

As we started rebuilding our Campus Ministry, we realized that we needed to gather our students and young adults around one mission. This was after much prayer and consultation with ministers that are far more experienced than I am. It is so easy for any group to lose track of their "why" and turn into a poorly managed social club. We knew, as we were getting into Campus Outreach, that the stakes were high and the battle was especially fierce on EMU and WCC's Campuses. So, we not only need a clear mission, but we also need it to be inspired by the Lord!

In the summer of 2021 Fr. Dan Westermann and I, along with a group of students and young adults (Emily being one of them—not yet our Campus Ministry Coordinator), gathered on a regular basis to pray and seek the Lord for a clear mission, which crystalized to ***"Equipping college students, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to proclaim Jesus!"*** The exclamation point is really important.

We also sought the Lord for a way of life, or what we call our pillars. These pillars would eventually serve as a way to support our college students, as disciples, in their particularly difficult environment. For example, our pillar "Mission Focused" is a reminder that it is "All for Jesus— all *for* Him and all *from* Him" and that they need not be afraid to pour their lives into Him because He is the answer to every desire in their hearts.

Please pray for our campus outreach and for our students. As disciples, they are truly swimming upstream within their current campus culture. They are so brave as they are doing it. I am constantly edified by their perseverance!

— Sr. Lisa, Director of Campus Ministry

THE SEVEN PILLARS

JOYFUL HOSPITALITY
Loving with power, mature minds, and joy.

HEALTHY ROOTS
We seek security, maturity & purity.

ALL IN
We practice self-control and self-denial.

LOCKED IN HIS GAZE
From the place of intimacy, we are locked in His gaze and in tune with the Holy Spirit, abiding in the Father.

MISSION FOCUSED
It's all about Jesus! All for Him! All from Him!

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET
We communicate directly, honestly, respectfully, and vulnerably.

FIXED ON HIS HANDS
We strive to be foot washers with our eyes fixed on His Hands.

CONNECT WITH US!

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

JOIN IN THE WONDER OF THE 3-6 YEAR OLD CHILD

Mark your calendars, CGS returns to SJB next month! Every week in the Atrium, a room containing beautiful, hands-on materials, —the child's attention is focused on key Scripture passages or liturgical moments. The 3-6 year old child enters the mystery of the Eucharist, first by learning the names of the articles used on the altar, and then through the most important gestures, including the preparation of the chalice, the epiclesis and offering, and the sign of peace.

TUESDAY MORNINGS 9:30-11AM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16TH

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SEEKING ADULT CATECHISTS

St. John the Baptist is looking for passionate, faith-filled individuals to serve as catechists for our Sunday afternoon Family Faith Formation sessions — just two times per month.

If you're already attending with your family, consider stepping into a leadership role and help the program thrive. Whether working with kids, teens, or adults, your presence and gifts can play a vital role in our mission of forming disciples.

We are especially in need of catechists for adult formation — individuals who can lead small group discussions, share their faith, and help create a welcoming, engaging space for adults to grow in their relationship with Christ.

No teaching experience? No problem. We provide full training and a complete curriculum — all you need is a heart for Christ and a willingness to serve.

Must be a Catholic in good standing and open to growing in your own faith.

Interested or have questions?
Email Jacob at jacobg@ypsicatholic.org

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

A full listing of our Fall Bible Studies is now available at our website. Scan the QR code or visit YpsiCatholic.org/ bible-study.

EUCHARISTIC OUTREACH MINISTRY

This outreach brings together volunteers from parishes around the county who go to our local hospitals, residential care, and correctional facilities to distribute communion. We visit individuals, conduct communion services, provide a connection to the Catholic community, and say, "You are not forgotten," we say, "Jesus is here today for you." No experience necessary. Training provided. Pick up an informational card at the entrances to the church.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2-4:30 PM
ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH IN ANN ARBOR.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Please sign up for a vigil hour at the QR code below and view the entire schedule of events.

KICKOFF RALLY & INTERFAITH JERICHO MARCH
2PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
PLANNED PARENTHOOD, 3100 PROFESSIONAL DR, ANN ARBOR

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, you will hear from Catholic speakers, engage in praise and worship music, and celebrate holy Mass with our bishops.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9AM-5PM
LANSING CENTER, LANSING, MI

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to attend a preparation session and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
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JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

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Kailyn Fitzgerald
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Doris Adams

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
12:15 PM: Intentions of Lucia Thomashefski
Requested by Lucia Thomashefski

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
6:00 PM: —

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
8:00 AM: † Fay Purcell
Requested by Andrew Mills

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
8:00 AM: —

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
8:00 AM: —

5 PM: † Gemma Medich
Requested by Leanna McCully

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
9:00 AM: People of the Parish

11 AM: † Theresa Rusiniak
Requested by Ken Rusiniak

NEEDED, WANTED, & AVAILABLE

- A woman living alone recently suffered a serious back injury and is in need of help. Volunteers are needed to clean her apartment once a month. If you're able to assist, please contact Angie at bowincloud@outlook.com.
- SJB is giving away the following tech equipment:

1. 4x AP2000G Amped Wireless Router
2. 1x APA2600M Amped Wireless Router
3. 1x ML1430 Samsung Printer
4. 1x JTDAT5CH J-Tech HDMI to RCA Audio Converter

Call the office at 734-483-3360

Pier Giorgio Frassati

CANONIZED THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, 7 September, 2025

For years, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925) has been a beloved global patron of youth, young adults, athletes, and "ordinary people," holding a special place in the hearts of many across the United States and around the world. His example of Gospel living continues to inspire nearly a century after his death.

St. John Paul II declared him a patron of World Youth Day and called him the "Man of the Beatitudes," recognizing how he lived those blessings in everyday life. Pope Francis echoed this in Christus Vivit, listing Frassati among twelve exemplary young saints who "devoted their lives to Christ" and whose "radiant witness encourages us and awakens us from our lethargy." He noted Frassati's contagious joy and resilience through life's difficulties.

Pier Giorgio was extraordinary in his "ordinariness," serving the Church through regular worship, Eucharistic adoration, and deep commitment to the poor, marginalized, and social justice. He was actively involved in student and sports life, cherished time with family and friends, and often led mountain-climbing trips that included prayer, liturgy,

and conversations about faith. He saw mountaineering as a symbol of the spiritual journey—striving always upward, toward God. After his final climb, he wrote on a photo: "Verso l'Alto"—"to the heights"—a phrase that now captures his approach to life and faith. The Church lifts up Frassati as a model for all who seek to live the Gospel in daily life. Like him, we are called to journey "to the heights," encountering Christ through the Church, the poor, and especially in the Eucharist.

GIVE ONLINE

ypsicatholic.org/give

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 13TH & SEPTEMBER 14TH

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	John Belleba	Steve Uram
Lee Michna	Fred Hall	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Roger Michna	Shawn Lenhardt	John Urbanic
Josh Reszke	Angela Parrinello	Andy Winnie
GREETERS		
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Marcy Muczynski
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Wendy Winnie
LECTORS		
Maggie Sell	Rebecca Lussier	Becky Diachun
Mike Weathers	Sarah Scholl	Melissa Florian
SACRISTAN		
ADULT:	ADULT:	ADULT:
Need Volunteer	Maralee Meyer	Judy Ramirez
JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
ALTAR SERVERS		
Lawrence Okpala	Adrian Anderson	Walter Reister
Jordan Wells	Joe Comazzi	Michael Stolarski
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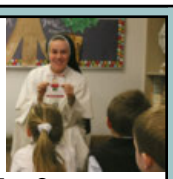
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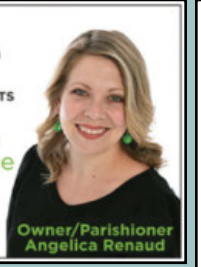
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